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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

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ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)
RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, 23,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, 2,500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Brasseur, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES AT:
LONDON, BOULOGNE, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANKING, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, MANZOU.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application; grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT,
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Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 1,500,000.

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At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. Ann.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

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GEO. O. SPOFF, Esq.,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

LE OCELO-TRANSPORTS.

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES, MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, 15,000,000 Francs.
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THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1880.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. CHAN TSING KI has been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from the 6th August, 1880.

TAI FUNG SHUN HONG,
71, Bonhomme Street West,
Hongkong, January 12, 1881. ja26

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHAN HING in our Firm ceased from the 6th August, 1880.

TAI FUNG SHUN HONG,
71, Bonhomme Street West,
Hongkong, January 12, 1881. ja26

NOTICE.
THE Firms of LINSTAED & Co. and DAVIS & Co. are this day amalgamated, and the Underwritten have entered into Co-partnership under the Style of LINSTAED & DAVIS.

T. G. LINSTAED,
H. W. DAVIS.
Hongkong, January 1, 1881. fe3

NOTICE.
MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China, and Mr. ALEXANDER WASSERFALL has been authorized to SIGN the Firm per Procuration.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1881. ap3

NOTICE.
MR. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS and Mr. PHILIPP BERNHARD SCHMACKER have this day been admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

CARLOWITZ & Co.
Canton, Hongkong, and Shanghai, January 1, 1881. fe3

NOTICE.
MR. WILLIAM WALKINSHAW has Retired from our Firm, and his Interest and Responsibility have ceased by the remaining Partners, viz—Messrs. FINEAS RYAN, EDWARD ARTHUR SMITH, and ARTHUR WELLSLEY WALKINSHAW.

TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Underwritten have this day commenced Business at Hongkong as COAL MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS.

AR YON & Co.,
709, Praya Central,
Dated the 3rd day of January, 1881.

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HAS just RECEIVED a Very Fine SELECTION OF GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in the Latest and most Fashionable Designs, including many NOVELTIES in DIAMOND BRACELETS, PENDANTS, BROOCHES, EAR-RINGS, AND GEM RINGS.

Also,
A Large and Well Selected STOCK of MORRIS'S GOLD and SILVER PEN and PENCIL CASES, comprising the Latest Patented Patterns.

Hongkong, December 11, 1880.

FOR SALE.
PRIME GENEVA in Stone Jars; MARTEL BRANDY, at \$8.50 per Dozen; WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS and KUMMEL, GOOD NAVY COGNAC (in retail at 20 cents per lb.); SALVOIR BOTTLES and CASKETS, GOOD BOTTLES, RE-LOADING CASES, SHOT and CARTRIDGE CASES in Silver, &c., &c.

J. F. SCHEFFER, 54, Praya Central.
Hongkong, January 10, 1881. fe3

FOR SALE.
JULES MUM & Co.,
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Quarts, \$10 per 1 doz. Case, Pints, \$17 per 2 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

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(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

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To Let.

THE DWELLING HOUSE—No. 4, WASHINGTON STREET, ROOMS IN UPPER CHAMBERS, suitable for Office or Chamber.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 4, PRAYA STREET, below OLIVE ROAD, possession from 1st February next.

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DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,
Hongkong, December 28, 1880.

TO LET.
(WITH EARLY POSSESSION.)
THE Commodious DWELLING HOUSE known as "Bellevue," Albany Road.

Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

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HAVE just RECEIVED The New Tinted IRISH LINEN NOTE PAPER in the following Tints—Peach, AMETHYST, TURQUOISE, ROSE, THREE YEAR.

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Miss Haverlog's "Life Chords," beautifully illustrated.

Hongkong, January 15, 1881.

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FRESH SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY EVERY
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APPLES, Green and Dried.
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EASTERN CREAM CHEESE.
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ASSORTED JELLIES in Glass Jars.
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GREEN TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. Cases.
RUSSIAN CAVIAR.
X-TONGUES, Smoked and Pickled.
OLAM-CHOWDER.
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COMPANY'S BISCUITS.**
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BORSE RADISH in Bottles.
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Strained and Comb HONEY in Bottles.
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Compressed OX-TONGUE.
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MINCEMEAT.
SAUSAGE MEAT.
Assorted SOUPS.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Queen's OLIVES.
Assorted PICKLES.
California CANDIES.
The American BROILER.
Waffle IRONS.
Lemon SQUEEZERS.

CRISPER & BLACKWELL'S
—and—
JOHN MOIR'S
FAMOUS HOUSEHOLD
STORES—
Wiltshire BACON in Wrapper.
Irish Selected BACON in 2lb & 4lb Tins.
Cumberland HAM.
Breakfast TONGUES.
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Phillips and Canard's PATÉ DE
FOIE GRAS.
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GUS.
Phillips and Canard's SARDINES.
Gelatine LOZENGES.
Assorted SWEETS.
GLATINE.

Mallie's French MUSTARD.
Anglo Swiss CHOCOLATE and MILK.
Anglo Swiss COCOA and MILK.
Crosse & Blackwell's CHOCOLATE.
Masson's CHOCOLATES Assorted.
Schweitzer's COCOATINA.
Van Houten's COCOA.
Epp's COCOA.
COSSIGUES.
Liebig's Extractum CARNIS.
Smoked COD-ROE.
Dried SPINACH.
Finch HADDOCK.
HERRINGS A LA SARDINE.
Yarmouth BLOATERS.
Kipperd HERRING.
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SARDINES with TOMATOES.
Assorted PICKLES.
Assorted JAMS.
Calf's Foot JELLY.
Essences for Flavoring.
SAUCES.
SPICES.

Candied PEEL, ALMONDS.
OURRANTS in Bottle and Bulk.
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Miscellaneous Curry SEEDS.
Ground COFFEE.
Raw COFFEE.
PRESENT TEA is 5 Ounces and 10 Ounces
Boxes; Good BREAKFAST TEA 25
cents per lb.
Hongkong, November 22, 1880.

THE HAIR WASH has been prepared
by us for the last 20 years. Its sale
is steadily increasing in India, the Straits
and Japan. It possesses all the qualities of
a Hair Oil or Pomade without their sticki-
ness. It induces a healthy action of the
scalp and nourishes the Hair. Dandruff
never appears whilst it is in use. It con-
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From its great nourishing power on the
follicles it may in time cause hair to return
to its natural color; it, however, does not
contain a particle of any dyeing ingredient.
Using it constantly will most certainly pre-
vent the Hair falling. It is equally in use,
the smallest quantity sufficing. It has no
greasiness, and therefore requires no washing.
J. LLEWELLYN & CO.,
Shanghai.

Entertainment.
**ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
CITY HALL.**
THE GERMAN LIEBENHART will give
their CONCERT in aid of the City
Hall Funds, in the above Hall, on
THURSDAY NEXT,
the 20th January.

PROGRAMME.
PART I.
1. JAGERS LUST—CHORUS—C. F. Astholz.
2. PIANO-FORTE SOLO—Mr E. RENNELL.
3. SERENADE—CHORUS—C. F. Astholz.
4. BASSO SOLO—Mr R. STEEL.
5. PIANO-FORTE DUET—Mr E. RENNELL and
Dr. CLOUTH.
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1. STANDUCHES—CHORUS—C. F. Astholz.
2. PIANO-FORTE SOLO—Mr E. RENNELL.
3. SCHERZO (F. Minor)—A. J. Scherz.
4. DES BARRES—CHORUS—C. F. Astholz.
5. PIANO-FORTE QUARTETTE—
Messrs E. RENNELL & R. SCHÜNBORGER.
Dr. CLOUTH and Mr A. WASSERFALL.
First and Last Movements
from the "Serenade," Beethoven.
6. SCHAFER'S SONNATINA—C. Kreutzer.

Admission,.....TWO DOLLARS.
Tickets to be had, from MONDAY NEXT,
of Messrs KREUSE & Co.
Concert to begin at 9.15 sharp.
Hongkong, January 13, 1881. ja21

Insurance.
**THE INTERNATIONAL MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
OF LIVERPOOL.**
THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS of the above Company, are
prepared to grant POLICIES on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, Nov. 27, 1880. 27a01

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Siam and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
issued at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. COUGHTRE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, as on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.
NORTON & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

To-day's Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.**
On WEDNESDAY EVENING
NEXT,
January 19th, 1881.
SEVENTH APPEARANCE
OF THE CELEBRATED
VICTORIA LOFTUS TROUPE
OF OPERATIC, VAUDEVILLE, AND DRAMATIC
ARTISTS.

What
"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"
WILL BE PRODUCED.
Full Particulars in future Advertisement.

Prices of Admission:—
Dress Circle.....\$2.00
A few Choice Seats in Stalls.....\$1.00
Reserve Seats may be secured at Messrs
KELLY and WALSH'S, Queen's Road.
Ushers in attendance at 8.30. Curtain
at 9. Carriages at 11.30. On arrival
please alight from left to right to avoid con-
fusion; on leaving reverse the order.
DAVIS & FROST,
Directors of the Light Troupe.
Hongkong, January 17, 1881. ja20

FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOL.
The Steamship
"Ping-ong,"
Capt. McCASLIN, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 19th Instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 17, 1881. ja19

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.
The Steamship
"Albany,"
Capt. Gooder, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, January 17, 1881. ja20

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"Nippon,"
Capt. Westoby, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, January 17, 1881. ja20

**MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN
CHINA.**
THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
of the Society will be held in Can-
ton, at the House of Messrs Russell & Co.,
on THURSDAY, 20th January, at Two
o'clock p.m.
J. G. KEER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 17, 1881. ja19

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S. S. "SUMIDA MARU" FROM
Kobe and YOKOHAMA.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send
their Bills of Lading for consignments
to, and take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after Tuesday, the 18th
Instant, will be landed and stored at Con-
signee's expense and risk.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. Co.,
50A, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, January 17, 1881. ja24

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour—
URANIA, German ship, Capt. R. Mollen.
—P. & O. Co.
CHAMBER KAMPEY, Siam, barque, Capt.
A. Pedersen.—Yuen Fat Hong.
MOUNT LEBANON, Brit. 3-m. schooner,
Capt. D. C. Hall.—Rozario & Co.
SOLIDON, French barque, Captain Leoni
Rouiller.—Ordel.
HERMANN, German brig, Capt. Limbke.
Wieler & Co.

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
Jan. 16, *Louisa*, German 3-m. schooner,
245, Hubert, Yokohama Jan. 8, and
General.—M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Jan. 16, *Andrey*, French steamer, 2432,
Hermann, Shanghai Jan. 14, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.
Jan. 16, *Volga*, French steamer, 951,
Guiraud, Yokohama Jan. 9, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.
Jan. 16, *Albany*, British steamer, 366, F.
P. C. Gooder, Taiwanfooo Jan. 12, Amoy 13,
and Swatow 15, General.—DOUGLAS LA-
PRAIK & Co.
Jan. 16, *Sumida Maru*, Japanese steamer,
626, Hubert, Yokohama Jan. 8, and
Kobe 10, General.—M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Jan. 16, *Ping-ong*, American steamer, 557,
McCaslin, Hoihow Jan. 13, via Macao 16,
General.—RUSSELL & Co.
Jan. 16, *Lee Yuen*, Chinese steamer, 734,
O. Tiddall, Shanghai Jan. 12, General.—
C. M. S. S. Co.
Jan. 17, *Chin-tung*, Chinese steamer, 835,
Winnor, Chinkiang Jan. 11, Kiao and Gen-
eral.—C. M. S. S. Co.
Jan. 17, *Meisun*, British steamer, 682,
W. N. Deville, Chinkiang Jan. 11, General.
—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Jan. 17, *Norden*, Danish steamer, 778,
J. Raasmussen, Chinkiang Jan. 12, Rice.
—STERNSEN & Co.
Jan. 17, *Kyupelen*, French man-of-war,
1200, M. Mathou, Hoihow Jan. 16.
—CLEARED.
Nippon, for Shanghai.
Oleander, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 15, *Diamond*, for Manila.
16, *Conquest*, for Hoihow, &c.
16, *Neuchuang*, for Swatow, &c.
16, *Wenchow*, for Swatow, &c.
16, *Lorne*, for Amoy.
16, *Grand Duc Constantin*, for Bang-
kok, &c.
16, *Kyungtung*, for Coast Ports.
16, *Lee Yuen*, for Canton.
17, *Chin-tung*, for Canton.
17, *Tientsin*, for Canton.
17, *Nordjermern*, for Chinkiang.
17, *Amoy*, for Tamsui.
17, *Chungking*, for San Francisco.
17, *Hailong*, for Swatow.
17, *Norden*, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Andrey*, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Mrs. Bonheur, Hon. G. French (Chief
Judge, Shanghai), and Mrs. French, Mr.
Vulley, Mr. Ku Hing, and 16 Chinese; for
Singapore, Mr. Lyman; for Port Said, Mr.
Rabcock; for Marseilles, Mr. Merriam,
Mr. Rabcock; for Amoy, Mrs. Merriam,
Miss Maberley, Mrs. Bear, Messrs. Romanes,
Mechanics, and Reichert.
Per *Volga*, from Yokohama: for Mar-
seille, Prince Take Hito, Capt. Kuro Ika,
Mr. G. Reddell and 3 infants, and Mr. I.
Ikeda; for Hongkong, Mrs. Bush and 4
infants; for Galle, Mr. Kleinwort, and 4
passengers.
Per *Sumida Maru*, from Yokohama and
Kobe, Rev. J. D. Davis and Mrs. Davis
and 3 children, Miss Gouldy, and 25 Chi-
nese.
Per *Lee Yuen*, from Shanghai, Mr. A.
McKilvin.
Per *Tientsin*, from Chinkiang, Mr. Ni-
cholls.
Per *Louisa*, from Tamsui, 8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per *Diamond*, for Manila, 1 European
(cabin), 7 Chinese, and 1 European (steer-
age).
Per *Conquest*, for Hoihow, &c., 41 Chi-
nese.
Per *Neuchuang*, for Swatow, &c., 12
Chinese.
Per *Wenchow*, for Swatow, &c., 12 Chi-
nese.
Per *Lorne*, for Amoy, 112 Chinese.
Per *Grand Duc Constantin*, for Bangkok,
12 Chinese.
Per *Nordjermern*, for Chinkiang, 12 Chi-
nese.
Per *Kyungtung*, for Coast Ports, 1 Euro-
pean, and 100 Chinese.
Per *Hailong*, for Swatow, 40 Chinese.
To DEPART.
Per *Nippon*, for Shanghai, Mr. A. Warch.
Per *Cleveland*, for Saigon, 250 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The Japanese steamer *Sumida Maru* re-
ports: Fine weather and light monsoon
throughout.
The American steamer *Ping-ong* reports:
Strong N.E. winds and heavy weather
throughout. Passed S. S. Hainan off St.
John's Island bound South.
The British steamer *Tientsin* reports:
Passed Wenchow at 11 a.m. on the 13th,
experienced light variable airs and calms to
N.E. monsoon. On the 16th inst. passed
S. S. *Neuchuang*, *Emmy*, *Wenchow*, and
Kyungtung.
The French man-of-war *Kyupelen* re-
ports: Fine weather; no wind.
The British steamer *Albany* reports: Left
Tamsui on Jan. 12th, and had fine weather
and fresh monsoon towards Amoy. Left
the latter port on the 13th, and Swatow
on the 15th, and experienced fine weath-
er throughout the passage to Hongkong.
Passed the Spanish S. S. *Amoy* at 6 a.m.,
and the steamer *Kyungtung* and *Lorne* at
10 a.m. on the 16th inst. bound North. In
Amoy: S. S. *Diamond* and *Hing Shing*.
In Swatow: S. S. *Hungarian*.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—
For BANGKOK.
Per *Conquest*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 18th inst.
For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN-
FOO.
Per *Albany*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th
inst., instead of as previously noti-
fied.
For HOIHOW AND PAKHOL.
Per *Ping-ong*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the
18th inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.
Per *Nippon*, at 5 p.m. on Wednesday,
the 19th inst.
For YOKOHAMA via KOBE.
Per *Sumida Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Friday,
the 21st inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *Andrey* will
be despatched on WEDNESDAY,
the 19th January, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe via Naples; to Saigon, Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon,
India (via Madras), the Australian
Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and
Gibraltar.
The usual hours will be observed in closing
the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet *Bavaria*,
will be despatched on MONDAY,
the 24th January, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe via Brindisi; to the Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon,
India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gib-
ralter. This is the best opportunity
for forwarding Correspondence to Man-
ila.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
Australian Colonies.

HOURS OF CLOSING.
THE FRENCH MAILS.
The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the French Contract
Packet:
Day before departure,
5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.
Post Office closes except the
Night Box, which is always
open out of Office hours.
Day of departure,
10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.
Posting of all printed matter
and patterns ceases.
11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late
Letters.
11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 a.m.—When the Post Office closes
entirely.
11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted
with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of
departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Goods per *Sumida Maru* undelivered will
be landed.
Tenders Close.
Noon.—Tenders for Treasury Bills re-
ceived by the Staff Paymaster.

General Memoranda.
WEDNESDAY, January 19.—
Daylight.—*Albany* leaves for Amoy, &c.
Daylight.—*Ping-ong* leaves for Hoihow,
&c.
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

THURSDAY, January 20.—
Daylight.—*Nippon* leaves for Coast Ports.
2 p.m.—Meeting of Medical Missionary
Society in China, at Canton.
Goods per *Lydia* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.
9.15 p.m.—Concert at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, January 21.—
3.30 p.m.—Meetings of Shareholders of the
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co.,
Limited, at No. 14, Praya Central.
SATURDAY, January 22.—
Daylight.—*Mitsui Bishi* Mail leaves for
Yokohama, &c.
MONDAY, January 24.—
4 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.

TUESDAY, January 25.—
Noon.—*Boven* leaves for Sydney and
Melbourne on or about this date.
FRIDAY, January 28.—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
H. K. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,
at No. 60, Queen's Road.

SATURDAY, January 29.—
3 p.m.—Occidental and Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.
MONDAY, January 31.—
4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
H. K. Hotel Co., Ltd., at Hongkong
Hotel.

**THE
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1841.
香港大藥房**
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FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
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OF
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, NURSERY REQUIS-
ITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,
AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT
MEDICINES.
MANUFACTURERS
OF
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,
Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla,
Water, and other Aromatic Waters.
The Manufactory is under direct and
continuous European Supervision.
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or any
other persons who may desire to ex-
amine the files of local, China, Japan,
American, English, Indian, or Aus-
tralian newspapers, are invited to call at
the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where over
sixty newspapers, dailies, and weeklies,
from these countries, are now filed for
reference.

DEATHS.
At Canton, China, on Sunday evening,
the 16th January, OXLEY JOSEPHINE
KROKOWSKA, the beloved Wife of James
Porter, of the Imperial Maritime Customs,
China; Aged 31 (of pneumonia).
On the 21st Dec. at Yokohama, of con-
sumption, Mr. I. G. VAN GENNEP, J.R., aged 47
years, late Chief Engineer of the Hydraulic
Works of the Kailashan Department at
Sapporo.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.50 p.m.
The China Mail.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1881.

A CORRESPONDENT some time ago
twisted us as to the allusions which have
frequently appeared in these columns to
the upstarting by Governor Hennessey of
departmental government in this Colony.
What may be broadly put as the mean-
ing of such references to this trait in
administration is this, that now-a-days
no confidence whatever seems to be placed
in any one department, and the Governor
in his own department, and the Governor
and his Secretary now assume nearly all
the responsibility. If an architect, for
instance, desires to get a permit for any
insignificant piece of work being done—
cutting a little turf from the hills, or
cutting an extra window or two in a
house—the head of the department of
Public Works is declared incompetent to
decide upon such matters; and his
excellency and Dr. Eitel put their heads
together and lean up to consider over
such details. After the expiration of a
few weeks' time, the surveyor gets im-
patient, probably accepts silence for com-
plaint, and two or three weeks after the
thing has been completed, receives a
permit to do it. Such is the "departmental
government" under the present regime,
—or, rather, it is the caricature of
government introduced here to take
the place of administration under various
headings for which the 6. Parliaments are
supposed to exist. This is the only one
amongst many illustrations of the unfor-
tunate tendency exhibited by the present
Government to go to extremes. Some men
in authority appear to be incapable of
improving anything without making
the worst of it, and another peculiarly
peculiarly presents itself, that

of tendering for all work that is done,
even down to mending a hole in the
road, or to rebuilding a small bridge. The
result appears to be that the hole re-
mains for several months untouched, and
the bridge presents a ruinous spectacle
for the best half of a year. Grave doubts
were raised as to the honesty of certain
subordinate Celestials connected with
government contracts, and instead of a
searching and open inquiry being entered
upon and carried out, every little service
is now thrown open to public tender,
—the lowest tender is generally accepted,
and endless trouble is the consequence.
It is alleged, on good authority, that the
Bovington canal bridge has for months
been represented by a few bamboos, on
account of the unsuccessful working of
this new tendering system. Transporters
will heartily endorse all attempts on the
part of the Executive to put a check
upon the exorbitant prices charged to the
Government for labour, as compared
with those paid by private residents.
But surely, some scheme could be hit
upon which, while checking overcharges,
would also allow of the work being pro-
ceeded with without delay. As the
public money is supposed to be spent to
promote the convenience of the public,
any delay which interferes with that
convenience is so much waste. The
wreck of a bridge like that in question
interferes with general traffic very ap-
parently; while, if it is permitted to re-
main much longer in its present con-
dition, the approaching rains will be
almost certain to carry off what is left
of the structure. The same remark ap-
plies to the repairs of the roads which
generally were vigorously pushed for-
ward in previous dry seasons; now is the
opportunity to prepare for the coming
rain, and to take such precautions as
will prevent our fine roadways from be-
coming mud-puddles or ugly imitations
of a badly-ploughed field.

WHAT may now be fairly termed the
"block" in the Government Central
School is still in full force. The only
way out of the difficulty was to first
complete the regular examination for
prizes, and then to supplement that ex-
amination with any check or fresh test
by the independent Board of Examiners
which the limited time would allow.
This has most unreasonably been dis-
allowed by H. B. H. (Governor), who,
it is said, has ordered the masters' ex-
amination (which had been resumed this
morning) to be summarily stopped
a second time, to the manifest and
openly-expressed disgust of the scholars
of the school. From the pupils we
learn—for it would be dreadfully unfair
to question the masters on this subject
under present conditions—that many of
the monitors and several of the best
scholars of the school have pledged
themselves on account of the unfair way
in which they have been treated. There
appears to be little or no chance of
holding a Prize Day this year, or of
making any award at prizes at all;
while the most likely candidates for the
Morrison scholarship is amongst the
absentees. This state of things thus
brought about may give pleasure to the
enemies of the Institution in the mean-
time; but there must be more heard
elsewhere of such action ere it is finally
dismissed from public attention. The
grossly unreasonable way in which
this independent examination has been
thrust upon the School, so as to
clear inevitably with the usual test for
awarding the annual prizes, is appar-
ently fully appreciated by even the
smallest boy in the School; and yet, in
the face of reason and justice, the only
mode of getting over the difficulty has
now been dashed aside. It is stated
that the Board of Examiners will come
tomorrow morning, 18th inst., to close
their examination to-morrow
morning. As the School ought to be
those boys who live in the country to get
to their native place by the Chinese
New Year (30th January), it is difficult
to see how even a minimum of fair-play
can now be secured for the School, its
masters, or its pupils.

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officially announced, that Dr. Eitel has
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protégé of Li-hung-chang, the grand secretary. In 1876 Hsu was nominated as minister to Japan, but committed some trifling breach of the sumptuary laws and

not for Han's fault but because a safe opportunity of affronting Li could not be passed over. Han is a man of high capacity, and will be a different minister when he returns. There will be differences now exist between China and Japan.

The *Mai Nichi Shinbun* states that a telegram has been received by the government from the Japanese minister in London, H. B. M. minister to Japan, will leave London for Tokio at the end of this month.

The price of rice at Nomura, Yezo, has advanced 10 per cent. since the 15th of July. If you per koku, or more than, three times its normal value. This fact, says the *Akebono Shinbun*, is not due to difficulty of supply, but to the increase of the population, the consequent demand for rice being much in excess of the supply.

(Herald Mail Summary, January 7th.)

We are entirely without news—either political or local—to report on the present occasion, the Christmas and New Year's holidays having caused almost an entire cessation of business.

the recurrence of calamitous fires here and in the Capital, Osaka, and other places, the losses caused by these disasters falling heavily on the impoverished inhabitants who are wholly unprotected by insurance.

A meeting of the Nippon Race Club has been held, when a satisfactory statement of

H. M. the Mikado has to-day paid a state visit to H. R. H. the Duke of Genoa, on board the *Zetter Pisani*.

A new magazine—the *Chryseum*—has been issued here, and is apparently deserving of support.

Much amusement has been caused here by the fact that, acquainted with the country, at some of the preposterous mist-statements contained in Sir E. J. Reed's book on Japan.

We have at present four Russian men-of-war in harbour under the command of Rear-Admiral Stachberg.

(Nicos.)

(H. eos.)

The *Kobe Shimpu* publishes some interesting news respecting the earthquake of the 15th, which was reported by the *Nagasaki Shimpu* as having run upon a rock with every probability of becoming a total loss. The *Shimpu* states that the damage sustained by the *Thoror* was comparatively trifling, and that the vessel was towed to the temporary repairs erected, the vessel ordered to repair *Nagasaki* safely, where it has gone into dock. As soon as intelligence of the accident to the *Thoror* reached the *United States*, the vessel was ordered to belong to the same line, was despatched to take the place of the disabled vessel.

One of the native papers published at Tokio announces that the United States Government has expressed its intention of purchasing the *Thoror*, the vessel was seized on account of the *Shimonoseki*

this fund now amounts to over two million dollars, and we trust that the na-

newspaper has foundation for its statement
the money would afford a welcome relief
the financial position at the present time.
It is now pretty generally admitted that
share of the United States in the indemnity
was far and away beyond what that coun-
try was entitled to, and it has been matter
unfavorable comment why the surplus
been so long withheld. Franks intimated
that the Japanese are of exorbitant price.
Upon the Japanese Government, are pri-
marily believed to have exercised a minor
influence.

The judge of the Kobe Salmahon
certainly hit upon a method of preventing
visitors from the country being subject
to extortion charges by Mr. Oshikawa.
We are not sufficiently versed in the tri-
cicacies of what the Japanese are plea-
se to term law to say whether or not the
method followed by the judge recently will
mend itself to the authorities by the
but we feel quite certain that the gov-
ernment will be pleased. Mr. Oshikawa
will rejoice to hear of his enter-
prise being rewarded by eighty days' imprison-
ment with hard labour.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, January 17.

OPIMUM—	New Patna, cash,	837½
"	Old " cash,	865
"	New Benares, cash,	837½
"	Old " do,	865
"	New Malwa, credit,	720
"	Allowance, Teels.,	18
"	Old Malwa, credit,	735
"	Allowance, Teels.,	nom.

* High Touch. † Ordinary Lot.

Exchange.

Bank, Wire,	87½
" Demand,	87½
" 30 days sight,	8/8
" 4 months' sight,	8/8
Credits,	8/8
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	9/8
India, wire,	245½
" demand,	224
Singapore, demand,	72
" 30 days' sight,	73
Gold Leaf, 90's fine	27.88
Sovereigns,	5.43

Shares.

again	Union Ins. Soc. of O'ron, \$1,500 per
in the	China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400 per al

North China Ins. Co., 115.4, 130 per share
Yangtze Ins. Assn., 118.75 per share
Yonghe Ins. Co., 100.00 per share
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$950 per share
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$270 per share
H.K. & W. Dook, 15% prem. sales
Cosmopolitan Docks, par, nominal
H.K. & Co. S.-bond, \$1,000 per share
Great Siam Nav. Ls., 3 per cent
China Coast Ste. Nav. Co., 145 p.
Hongkong Gas Co., \$80 per share
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$72 per share
China Sugar Ref., \$1495 per share
Do, 20% Behn Meyer, 100 p.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal
Do, 1877, 100 p.
H.K. Ice Co.'s shares, 25% prem.

Temperature
(Taken at Messrs. Fiskman & Co.'s Prem.
Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, January 17

BAROMETR	9 A.M.	30.1
Do	1 P.M.	30.1
Do	4 P.M.	30.1
TEMPERATURE	9 A.M.	60
Do	1 P.M.	65
Do	4 P.M.	65
Do	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	60
Do	Do 1 P.M.	62
Do	Do 4 P.M.	60
Do	Maximum	65
Do	Minimum	55
Do	Minimum over night	55

